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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on application filed 8/8/2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/8/01.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Applicant should provide a status of the copending application cited in the specification page 1.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-16 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,207 in view of Tokura et al. (5,400,329).

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For claims 1-16, the claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,207 disclose a system/method comprising the steps of

:

computing an extent size from a bit rate of a data stream;

rounding the computed extent size up to the next whole packet of data;

identifying extents that require a null packet to be added to the extent;

inserting the null packet into the identified extents; and storing each extent in the memory;

wherein the memory is a disk drive array comprising a plurality of disk drives;

wherein the storing step further comprises the step of:

striping the extents across the disk drive array;

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wherein the memory stores a plurality of packetized data streams where each data stream has a different bit rate;

wherein the packetized data stream comprising packets of encoded video information; and

wherein the computing step comprises the step of:

computing the extent size by multiplying a bit rate times a service interval. (Note: see claims 1-6 of the patent).

The claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,207 disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception of determining a quantity of packets and a constant bit rate in a communications network. Tokura et al from the same or similar fields of endeavor teaches a provision the total quantity of packets output from the buffer memory (see column 14 lines 63-66) and the constant bit rate (CBR) service in the transmission line (see column 16 lines 54-56). Thus, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the quantity of packets and

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the constant bit rate as taught by Tokura et al. in the communications network of The claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,207.

The quantity of packets and the constant bit rate as taught by Tokura et al. can be implemented/ modified into the network of the claims 1-6 of the patent by using the controller (108 of the patent) to perform determining of the quantity of the packets and CBR. Using the quantity of packets and the constant bit rate as taught by Tokura et al. into the network of the claims 1-6 of the patent being that it prevents congestion and make the system more reliable based on predicted the number of packets transfer rate being exceed a permissible.

3. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 15 line 2, " said disk drive array" has no antecedent basis.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed


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to DANG T. TON whose telephone number is 571-272-3171. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-WED, 5:30 AM-6:00 PM and Thur 5:30-9:30 A.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RAO SEEMA can be reached on 571-272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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